IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for performing a test for acceptability in the acceptance of bank notes by automatic vending machines, the method comprising:

feeding a bank note at an automatic vending machine configured to provide payment for products and services;

feeding said bank note to a digitalization station via a transport unit;

at least partially digitizing the bank note to create digitized data;

comparing the digitized data with a stored data of bank notes belonging to a currency system scanned in ahead of time in a computer unit, the computer unit performs a determination of value, and renders an automatic decision regarding acceptability;

if the automatic decision regarding acceptability is negative, generating an image of the digitized data in order to allow its visual inspection by a service employee, who then renders a final decision regarding acceptability.

2. (Previously Presented) The method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the digitizing of the bank note is accomplished by scanning.

3. (Previously Presented) The method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising performing an image data comparison in form of data comparison.

4. (Previously Presented) The method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising, if the automatic decision is negative, performing a detailed inspection of adjustable parameters, in order that a preliminary decision between a direct rejection of the bank note and a final decision by a service employee may be rendered automatically.

5. (Previously Presented) The method in accordance with claim 1 wherein the service employee via keyboard input registers the final decision regarding acceptance.

6. (Previously Presented) The method in accordance with claim 1 wherein, during the generating of the image, automatically marking the areas of deviation that prompted the negative automatic decision regarding acceptance.

7. (Currently Amended) A device used in automatic vending machines to accept bank notes, with a test for acceptability, the device comprising: an automatic vending machine

configured to receive a bank note and to provide payment for products and services, at least one unit for receiving a bank note, a transport/feed unit, a digitization unit, a computer unit, an image display unit, an input unit, and a unit for returning, advancing, collecting, and stacking the bank notes, wherein at least the unit for receiving a bank note and the image display unit are disposed in one location.

8. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 7, wherein the digitalization unit is a scanner.

9. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 7, wherein the digitalization unit is a digital camera.

10. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 7, wherein the image display unit is a monitor.

11. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 7, wherein the input unit is a keyboard.

12. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 7, further comprising supplementary signal units for optical and acoustic indicators.

13. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 7, further comprising supplementary signal units for optical or acoustic indicators.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A device used in automatic vending machines to accept bank notes, with a test for acceptability, the device comprising: an automatic vending machine configured to receive a bank note and to provide payment for products and services, at least one unit for receiving a bank note, a transport/feed unit, a digitization unit for at least partially digitizing the bank note to create digitized data, means for comparing the digitized data with a stored data of bank notes belonging to a currency system scanned in ahead of time, an image display unit, an input unit, and a unit for returning, advancing, collecting, and stacking the bank notes.